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(C) Charge delivered reftel demarche to Austrian MFA Political Director Stefan Lehne June 8. Lehne responded positively, emphasizing that Austria also agreed that the necessary dialogue on the Russian proposal must be based on the comprehensive concept of security, take place within the OSCE framework, and reject any return to spheres of influence. Austria, he said, was also happy with the existing security architecture and saw no need for a major renegotiation of that structure. It would, however, remain open to dialogue. Lehne also reacted positively to the U.S. idea of an "agenda for dialogue" in each of the three Helsinki baskets. He indicated general Austrian support for the ideas for the agenda raised by the U.S., noting particularly the need to develop better mechanisms to address "protracted" conflicts.
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